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VIA HAND DELIVERY

Mr. K. David Waddell **Executive Secretary** Tennessee Regulatory Authority 460 James Robertson Parkway Nashville, Tennessee 37243-0505

> Interconnection and Reciprocal Compensation Agreement Between CenturyTel Re: and Sprint Spectrum, L.P., Docket No.00-01032.

Dear Mr. Waddell:

Enclosed please find the original and thirteen (13) copies of an Amendment to the Interconnection Agreement between Sprint Spectrum, L.P., d/b/a Sprint PCS and CenturyTel of Adamsville, Inc., CenturyTel of Claiborne, Inc., and CenturyTel of Ooltewah-Collegedale, Inc. for filing in the above-referenced docket. I would appreciate your bringing this to the attention of the Directors, and in particular, I would appreciate your bringing it to the attention of Ms. Patsy Fulton.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Best regards.

Very truly yours,

R. Dale Grimes

RDG/gci Enclosures

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Amendment

This Amendment to Interconnection Agreement between Sprint Spectrum, L.P. d/b/a Sprint PCS (SPCS) and CenturyTel of Adamsville, Inc.; CenturyTel of Claiborne, Inc.; CenturyTel of Ooltewah-Collegedale, Inc. (CenturyTel) dated June 7, 2000, which became effective upon filing and approval by the Tennessee Regulatory Authority – Telecommunications Division (Agreement), is hereby made to Section 26. "Dispute Resolution," of the Agreement.

Whereas, the Parties wish to delete Sections 26. and replace Section 26 to include provisions for arbitration between the Parties, and

Whereas, the Parties are amenable to said amendment,

Now therefore, SPCS and CenturyTel hereby amend Section 26 to read as follows:

26. DISPUTE RESOLUTION

Except as otherwise stated in this Agreement, the Parties agree that if any dispute arises as to the interpretation of any provision of this Agreement or as to proper implementation of this Agreement, the parties will petition to the applicable state Public Service Commission for a resolution of the dispute. However, each party reserves any rights it may have to seek judicial review of any ruling made by that Public Service Commission concerning this Agreement.

Further, SPCS and CenturyTel hereby agree to delete Section 26. from the original agreement.

Sprint Spectrum, L.P.	CenturyTel of Adamsville, Inc. CenturyTel of Claiborne, Inc. CenturyTel of Ooltewah-Collegedale, Inc.
Signature	_Signature W MA
Signed By:	Signed By: <u>Carrick Inabnett</u>
Title: Manager, Carrier Interconnection	Title: Corporate Manager
Date	Date